(d) and (e) The matter relating to conversion of "Mandarine Room" of Janpath Hotel from a Chinese cuisine restaurant to a South Indian Cuisine restaurant is under examination.

Khurda Puri Railway Line

1997. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Orissa has submitted any proposal regarding railway line between Khurda and Puri;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) The State Govt. of Orissa had requested for doubling Khurda Road-Puri section of S.E.Railway. However doubling of single line section is normally taken up when their carrying capacity is saturated, freight intensive sections being given priority. The traffic on Khurda Road-Puri section has not yet reached the level to justify doubling. As and when the traffic warrants its doubling, the same would be considered.

Train Accidents on Alipurduar-Dimapur Line

1998. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA:
DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of train accidents took place on Alipurduar-Dimapur line of North Frontier Railway during the last three years;

(b) whether the Alipurduar-Dimapur line is prone to train accidents;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the loss suffered by the Railways due to these accidents;

(e) the loss of human lives as a result of these accidents;

(f) whether adequate compensation has been paid to the kith and kin of deceased/injured persons; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The number of consequential train accidents on Alipurduar-Dimapur section of North-East Frontier Railway since 1993-94 is as under :-

Year	No. of accidents
1993-94	22
1994-95	26
1995-96	09
1996-97 (up to January 1997)	05

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The cost of damage to railway property during the above years was Rs.8.17 lakhs, Rs.71.71 lakhs, Rs.3.54 lakhs and Rs.7.15 lakhs respectively.

(e) One person lost his life in accidents during 1994-95. In addition, 59 persons lost their lives in two incidents of bomb blasts on 25.2.1995 and 30.12.1996.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) Immediately after the accidents ex-gratia amounting to Rs.5,88,250/- was paid to the dependents of dead and injured passengers to take care of their immediate needs. Based on the verdict of the Railway Claims Tribunal, compensation amounting to Rs.57,76,000/- was also paid to them during 1993-94 to 1996-97 (up to January 1997).

Renewal of Track

1999. SHRI BALAI CHANDRA RAY:
SHRI ANIL BASU:
SHRI HARADHAN ROY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any proposal from Eastern, South Eastern and North East Frontier Railways for sanctioning of adequate funds to clear the backlog of track renewals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present position of track renewals, Zone-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to clear the arrears of above Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The present position of Track Renewals Zone-wise is: